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SUBJECT: VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER MULDOON TO KOREA

1. DURING MULDOON VISIT TO KOREA (DETAILS BEING SENT SEPTTEL)
AMBASSADOR HAD OPPORTUNITY TALK BRIEFLY WITH MULDOON AND MORE
EXTENSIVELY WITH EXTAFF ADVISORS CORNER AND MILLER. MULDOON
WAS GREATLY IMPRESSED BY KOREA'S DEVELOPMENT, TENSE BORDER
SITUATION WHICH HE VIEWED PERSONALLY DURING DMZ VISIT, AND
PRESIDENT PARK PERSONALLY. BOTH PUBLICLY AND PRIVATELY HE GAVE
KOREANS FULL MARKS AND STRONG SUPPORT WHICH NATURALLY WAS A
SHOT IN THE ARM FOR KOREANS.

2. CORNER AND MILLER DID NOT SIT IN ON PRIVATE TALKS BETWEEN
MULDOON AND PRESIDENT PARK AND HAD NOT BEEN FULLY BRIEFED
BY MULDOON AT THE TIME I SPOKE TO THEM. CORNER SAID THAT
HIS IMPRESSION WAS THAT SUMMIT MEETING HAD GONE EXTREMELY
WELL. HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE WAS DISCUSSED, LARGELY BY PRESIDENT
PARK WHO PRESENTED HIS RATIONALE FOR TIGHT CONTROLS. ORIGINALLY
IT HAD BEEN INTENDED THAT MULDOON WOULD RAISE THIS ISSUE ONLY
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WITH PRIME MINISTER CHOI SINCE HE FELT IT NECESSARY TO DO SO

GIVEN CRITICISM LARGELY FROM CHURCH GROUPS IN NEW ZEALAND. HOWEVER, ACCORDING TO CORNER, AFTER CHOI REPORTED TO PRESIDENT ON HIS CONVERSATION WITH MULDOON, PRESIDENT DECIDED TO TAKE INITIATIVE. MULDOON WAS SATISFIED SINCE HE COULD NOW SAY FOR THE RECORD THAT HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE DISCUSSED WITH ROKG, BUT CLEARLY HAD NO INTENTION TO PRESS PARK FOR MODERATION.

3. BOTH CORNER AND MILLER SAID THAT UN ISSUE HAD ALSO BEEN DISCUSSED, PARTICULARLY WITH PRIME MINISTER AND FOREIGN MINISTER. NEW ZEALANDERS FOUND KOREANS MORE FLEXIBLE THAN AT CORE GROUP MEETING. THEY IN TURN EMPHASIZED TO KOREANS IMPORTANCE OF NOT LEAVING UN FIELD ALONE TO NORTH KOREANS AND PLEDGED FULL NZ SUPPORT FOR UN EFFORT.

4. CORNER ALSO MENTIONED THAT MULDOON HAD AGREED TO RAISE WITH CHINESE, DURING FORTHCOMING PEKING VISIT, KOREA QUESTION. CORNER WAS SKEPTICAL ABOUT EFFICACY OF THIS APPROACH AND CONCERNED ABOUT CHINESE REACTION. BUT, HE FELT MULDOON'S CREDENTIALS IN PEKING WERE VERY GOOD DUE TO HIS STRONG ANTI-SOVIET STATEMENTS.

5. NEW ZEALANDERS ALSO EXPLORED EXPORT OPPORTUNITIES IN KOREA, PARTICULARLY FOR BEEF AND DAIRY PRODUCTS. EMPHASIS WAS ON DEVELOPING MORE OVER LONGER TERM WHEN KOREAN BALANCE OF PAYMENTS POSITION IMPROVED.
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